Rev. S. Jackson
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Sitka Aug 13. 1881

My Dear Mrs Haines

Many thanks for your Encouraging letters & especially concerning the $1000 for ~~Sitk~~ Chilcat Building I will write the Lady & have Mrs Willard do the same – also have a Sketch sent her of the building – I enclose you plans of rooms – It is a warm substantial Comfortable building. Mr (& Carpenters) left there last Thursday – with steam launch for Hoonyah where Carpenter is now at work –

From here we go to Hydah – I will be much pleased to have the Sitka or Chilcat School bear my name.

I was sick with Cold & fever at Chilcat. with no medicines. Was in the steam launch two days & a canoe four days sleeping in the ~~rain~~ on the beach at nights reaching here – Am now under the care of the Dr on the War Steamer here – Will return South Sept Monthly – In haste

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Sheldon Jackson

Will attend to names of Children & suggestions in your letters -

Mrs Austin has since the last Steamer a month ago been prostrated with a nervous attack brought on by the ~~attack~~ slanders concerning her daughter. I hope you will stand by the Austins. They are doing a good work here - & should be sustained -

Alaska

Howcan, Aug 31st 1881.

Rev Sheldon Jackson. D.D.

Dear Brother.

We arrived safely at Howcan the evening after we started. and on the following morning started for Klawack. and before we were out of sight of town fell in with three other canoes in pursuit of a Sea Otter. One of our friends captured it. and this furnishes me light in showing them Gods ways in blessing us. We arrived at Klawack Saturday evening and on Sunday evening we had our first meeting. I invited all the white men and several of them came, we had a good meeting and I know the Lord blessed us. Monday morning we done our trading. and arrived home Tuesday evening. I took 11 joints of stove pipe. making stove

and fixtures 25,00 Wednesday morning we put it up and it works charming. I immediately found myself in want of Gods Holy Spirit to help me decide whether to go into the woods or begin school right away. Schoolcraft is busy gathering up the Children and tells me begin now, now! This very day the U. S. Surveying Party arrives and through you our prayers are ans in regard to beginning school. Your letter gave me both peace and pleasure. If you keep the Mill I will do the best I can with it. but think that your idea of turning it over to Mr Sprague the best plan -- I presume they could furnish us plenty of lumber very cheap. I can go on with the buildings and improvements and find lots to do for both mind and muscle. Capt Nickol purposes to send a boat up the Channel and in the mean time do his work here this

trip and sure returning. Chief Schoolkuk intends to go to Fort Wrangel in a few weeks, and I can trust him to bring any thing that you leave there for me. I wish that I had a pr of hinges, and a lock, for the door to my room. Dont forget this mission in your prayers. Give my kind regards to all Christian workers. Yours

J. C. Chapman.

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Fort Wrangel, Alaska. Aug 2

Dear Dr. Jackson;

I have sent one letter by Capt Nicoll but it will not reach you for six or seven days so I send this by Matthew who is going to Klawack on election business with instructions to forward it. The Wasalex is now surveying Wrangel Straits having received a dispatch by the hands of Capt. Carroll ordering it to do that work immediately. This will take only two or three days. Then it will steer immediately for Cordova Bay around Cape de Chacon. They Capt. N. expects to find & confer with you. Have your scouts out to find him.

I sent by him the letter from Whitcroft about the lumber.

All well here. Commentin a successful Ball pretty sure of election through Berry with all the whiskey men to back him is making a hard fight. Election to be held at 7 points in the archipelago Sept 5th. Dr Carlies ought by all means

2. to be present at Wrangel by election day. It is very important to poll a big vote.

All well here including the Charles family. No more deaths nor disturbances. Mrs N.T. says "Bring some Hydah girls with you."

Love to collaborators

Hastily Yours

L. H. Allyn.

Rockwell, Alaska July 11th 1881.

Rev. Dr. Jackson and

Mrs Haines My Dear Sister I have made a full investigation of the Austin matter & find that the charges against Miss Austin are false & malicious & nearly the entire community have warmly espoused her cause and to remove her would be a great wrong to her & great injury to the cause. The affair commenced in some social jealousies in the small society at Sitka & was evidently intended to hurt Miss Benson. As the village gossip passed from mouth to mouth the story grew until it reached the exagerated criminality which was reported to the Board. The Austins showed me your letters. They seemed all most crushed that their friends in the east should have so far believed them. The School is in a very flourishing condition at Sitka. As you have already heard there are 24 boys in the House. They do their own cooking & sewing, cleaning &c. They need more bedding (single beds) also a good sized cook stove. If you are willing to purchase a cook stove please write me care of Wadham & Elliot, Portland, Oregon & I will purchase one upon my return to Portland in September. Please see the long letter I have sent the Board. Mrs Austin was both so busy & worried that I agreed to excuse her from writing you this mail. The belles reached Alaska safely & have already given great joy. The Willards are with me on the vessel & we are enroute for the Chilcat country. Weather cold & rainy. Remember me very kindly to your family.

Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Port Townsend,
Washington Territory
1881, July 2d

Rev. A. Jackson,
Port Townsend, Washington Terr.

July 2, 1881.

Dear Sister Your letter of June 18th is just received. Have also received the money through Mrs Boyd from Mrs Langdon. The three bells for Alaska (Ft Wrangell, Chilcat, & Hydah) are on this ~~California~~ Steamer for Alaska - also lumber, hardware &c for buildings with a Carpenter. - About $2000 worth of Mission material. The news from Mr Austin & Mr Brady of the Sitka School this month ~~are~~ is very encouraging. The Boarding school has 25 boys - in uniform. No allusion was made to Miss A-'s case. If you can engineer it, I would like the name of the Sitka Boys School - which you suggested at one time. I am very glad to hear of Dr Roberts Election. Now if the way might open for Dr Moreross & myself removing to Elizabeth it would seem that we could

work to better advantage than in the past. I am very glad you wrote to Miss Austin, it will make it much easier for me

I can not tell you how oppressed I have been all the way here in view of the summer work. It is the most difficult summer's work that I have ever been called upon to attempt. & you know I have had some hard experience in the past. Do not work too hard this summer. Your Bro in Christ

Sheldon Jackson

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To Mrs Sheldon Jackson

[illegible] July [illegible] 1882

O.K.

My very dear wife — I [illegible] your letter at Sitka. I was very sick when we got out into the [illegible] before reaching Sitka. Miss Dunbar also was quite sick. At Sitka I found the [illegible] waiting for me [illegible]. At [illegible] I received a [illegible] letter from Capt [illegible] asking me to give him the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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The Pillsbury's where they stayed up had expected to spend a month at Monterey & then the coast & south for the winter. But Prof. Young letter drew them to their new field. Mrs. Pillsbury's health is not strong (the journey) would keep them. Dr. Pillsbury & Miss Grace Pillsbury have no idea of going on their trip up. Did they have made arrangements of the Pillsbury for Mr. Pillsbury has also been in Spain & the Mr. Young-the things have been squarely all arranged.

Mr. Young is looking to getting in partner of Dr. L- evangelistic church at Pittsburg. I hear from the Pillsbury that Dr. L-'s church now young & prosperous & the wealthiest even been given to Congregational church. & that Mr. Young would be inclined to latter change of it. That Dr. L- had said he would be glad to have Mr. Young there, as they could work together. Mr. Pillsbury also hopes that school & church may be made to afford opportunity for a church in Oakland. Mr. Pillsbury also dreams of some Presbyterian church & building & of the Austins, whose sales they have recently confirmed. Keep this, Grace & Lizzie. Friends of the Journeytown have taken great interest in the Sabbath School & have paid nearly if not quite a thousand dollars of work in refitting & fitting up the building & grounds. On Saturday the school had a social & picnic & dinner & the Pillsbury & Officers of the California were invited up to the house. There were about 150 to 175 Indians present & the report of many friends. I & Grace & Lizzie & Mrs. Pillsbury & I drove to Lincoln for day. On Friday I drove with Lizzie down the lake of the Journeytown to the Sabbath School at Carlotta. Lizzie had been quite busy with friends in the Christmas village church. Jan. 1. The horses have not been which

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[illegible] A [illegible] [illegible] day around [illegible] house & [illegible] [illegible] in front of their houses — the immediate effect of which has been that the death rate has decreased [illegible] one half in the last six months [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] the Taku [illegible] — [illegible] steamer started up the [illegible] [illegible] about seven p.m. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] afterwards with [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & kept us in the cabin. On the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & the passengers spent the [illegible] the evening in singing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. We reached Taku & I have [illegible] [illegible] (Monday morning) we do not yet [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] kept [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] & [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] accompany us, so that we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible]. Until September 1st [illegible] letters to Port [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] until Sept 15th Care [illegible] [illegible] 757 [illegible] St San Francisco, California.

Very lovingly your
husband

In Camp at or near the
West point of Chatham Straits & Lynn
Canal — Alaska — August 7th 1879

My Very Dear Wife

Our Chief Engineer has
Gone to the Indian Village
of Klukwan, & for the time being abandoned
the Steam launch of the Administration Vessel in
favor of the Yacht Uncle Sam — Mr Carlisle Engineer
Daniel & Hennessy in Charge thereof, & have on board
a 2nd building. Leaving most of the Carpenters
work & packing of a house of Mr Chapman (the 2nd
Carpenter) & Mr Collins, Mr Hallett & Miles Jackson & Chas
Wood & the Hennessy Brothers) to be taken for
Sitka & the Steamer at Lynn Canal & the Yacht
taken with quick despatch — (22 hours) — We may
very well have Starting towards the Lower —

From Sitka, Mr Carlisle & Mr Chapman & myself
go to Wrangell — Mr Cook & Chas Wood
Wrangell was dead from a heavy cold — have had
two sides for a week — but are taking Quinine &
are doing well — I particularly Mr Wood to the
Younger Miss Brooks who has been at Mr Wood's
I feel for my part proud of our Women & Tender
Mr Chapman & Wife are — Mr Chapman is by the
Mr Sitka Chapman — I am Confident by Contrast
for the health, as I know our have proved from before
after the first week I left home & which Cost
the Chief Mr — ~~a perfect fortune for Comfort~~ —

Bless your Loving Husband —

Copy

Custom House, Sitka Alaska.

Collector's Office, July 1st 1901.

A. E. Austin, Esq.
Missionary Presbyterian Board
at Sitka, Alaska.

Sir:

I have to inform you that, by virtue of the authority of the Treasury Department, conveyed to me by letter of Assistant Secretary A. F. French, date of June 22, 1898, letters A.B.J and at your request, as Agent for and Missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Missions at this place, I have designated the Hospital Building, and the grounds attached for your use as a School for native children, so long as the same are not required for the use of the Government.

In consideration of the condition of the said Building I will add that — while it is not in my power, under the authority given me, to add any better guaranty of your tenure of it than in the terms I have used — you may have here my official testimony that, if you make it completely habitable and comfortable, that should be a very strong consideration for the retention of your possession, unless absolutely required by the Government.

In my opinion such improvement should, at the least, entitle you to two years possession, or even three.

Very respectfully
M. D. Ball
Collector of Customs

Copy of Mrs. Lowell's first letter to 1st Presbyterian S.S. Springfield N.Y.

Sitka, Alaska, July 8. 1881.

Rev. P. F. Sanborne.

Dear Sir.

The Steamer California arrived a few hours since, and in the mail it brought us was a letter from Dr Kendall - with some to him, relating to the plan of your S.S. for supporting a missionary - We have received with the appointment as your correspondent. We are very glad of this relation, & trust that it

may prove to be mutually pleasant & profitable. We are here in Sitka, on our way to Chilcat, (some two hundred & twenty five miles north of this place, Chatham straits) having come up on the June Steamer expecting to go right - on to our own field - but time has been war in the Chilcat country, & it was raging there so that - the U. S. officer Commander Glass, in charge of the "man of war "Jamestown" stationed here - earnestly requested us to wait - until he could settle the trouble, as he wished to have no further complication, & no more persons to protect. At another time, I can perhaps give you an account of the battle - its causes, results, &c. But - in this

necessarily hurried letter I must confine myself to what I have already seen of Alaska & its missions, as the Steamer leaves in 48 hours, and we go with her as far as the mines. Dr Jackson is aboard with carpenters & lumber for the building of the mission house which we hope to occupy before long. There is so much to be done in the short time before sailing that I fear much which would be interesting must be left unsaid. But shall I begin with an introduction of ourselves, so that you may know who & how many we are? Mr Willard is a native of Illinois, & a Graduate of Western Theological

Seminary at Allegheny and in April last to the great joy of our hearts, we were appointed missionaries to the Chilcats, and now, as I have said, with our four-old baby daughter Jeanie we are on our way to our new home.

This is a wonderful country in many respects, during the summer months it is literally a land where there is no night — except, indeed, the night which has so long reigned over the minds and hearts of this people — The sun sinks below the horizon, or the mountain tops, at about 9 o'clock P.M. I sat sewing last night till nearly eleven o'clock, & then retired by daylight. It is "dark" only for about an hour at midnight & then the broad day streams in again. One could read all night without a lamp. We are so near the Pole that but

little of the Sun's circuit is invisible - it rises, I think at about one sixth of the circle from its setting - I believe that from the height of Mount Saint Elias we should see the Sun's course around the horizon without a moment's shadow. In winter the days are correspondingly short - a lamp being required until 9 o'clock in the A. M. & from 2 or 3 o'clock in the P. M.

The mountains which enclose this picturesque village are white with snow, while on the little table at my side stands a bowl of the most beautiful berries I ever saw, gathered from the foot of the same great hills; they are called the Salmon berry being of salmon color - all the way from yellow to red - in

shape & size they resemble large strawberries - but in seed cells & flavor they are more like the blackberry. We had lettuce too, from the garden here yesterday - very nice, & radishes, peas, cauliflower, cabbage, potatoes, turnips, & many other things are growing beautifully.

We stopped at Fort Wrangell but two hours, so I found no time for the sketch of the mission buildings which Dr Jackson requested for his paper - there was so much to be seen & heard. The town of Wrangell is a mud-hole & a wharf, at least it must have been only that before the missionaries made it a home also. Subtract that & the little signs of life thro' the town which are clearly its emanations & it is a scene of desolation such as would fill your hearts with a new appreciation of the spirit which sustained our dear Mrs McFarland when the departing steamer left her the only white woman in the place. She is a general, & miss

Dunbar is the able under officer.

The "Home" is a large substantial building, with double porch to the front - looking out over the lovely harbor & its green islands, locked in by the snow capped mountains which almost crowd the little town into the water. The twenty eight happy girls were grouped on the upper porch & made a sweet picture in the light of the setting sun - a picture, the details of which grew upon us as we mingled among them - and which was not complete without the shadow of the ranche in all its squallor & sin. After showing us thro' the house (which is surprisingly complete in all its appointments even to the bath-room with rady fancels, out of the dormitory & & wash house - a sitting room for the girls, & a sick room, the latter happily

unoccupied at present) the girls were called into the school-room to sing for us. I am sure that no one could have heard their sweet voices without wishing a share in this work. The children looked so proud & happy - they are very bright at learning.

Mr Young's had with them on this trip the little Hydah girl of about 10 years, whom they adopted from the Home.

I was sketching on deck one day & she instantly became inspired. - with pencil & paper she would sit in perfect rapture looking at the mountains, sky, & water; at one point of particular beauty, she exclaimed, with her hands on her breast, & her face all aglow: "Oh! my heart gave a shake" — At another place Mrs. C. told her to sketch the scene at sunset — she sat with

an expression of countenance worthy a great-artist, - gazing out-over the shining deck with softened eyes as she simply said - "I can't - draw Glory"

This child's father - now dead was the finest - artist - & silver smith on the coast; but - beautiful work in carving & weaving is still done.

The "Home" is an industrial school - the house work, sewing & everything being done by classes in turn. The Indian women. by the way, sew beautifully; I was much surprised after we came up here - I gave my little stick sew girl Kittie, whom I brought with me for a while from the Home - some handkerchiefs

to him, (some with portraits of Garfield & Arthur which I intend as presents to the Chilcat-Chief) & I know that but few white girls of his age could have done it as well. By the last steamer she sent a letter to "Dear Mother Mc Farland" which I wish you could have seen, written in a plain hand in simple yet dignified language, & not a word misspelled.

They have flowers about the house, and between it & the very neat Church building is quite a nice garden — on the other side of the church is the little cottage home of those consecrated missionaries Dr Corliss & wife; she is the daughter of a missionary to China and a more beautiful soul than hers I never recognized in an hour. Dr C. having studied both medicine

& Theology was ordained as a Missionary by the Baptists & came out that at his own expense in 79. These with the Rev. S. Hall Young & wife make up the Mission force at Wrangell which is the only organized Evangelical Church in Alaska.

Here in Sitka a great work is being done. In looking over the field I am always impressed with two things, the wonderful things already accomplished & the infinitely great work yet to be done. It is word upon word, & word by word, it is in some respects like the work of the blacksmith - under whose hammer the metal is constantly cooling - over & over again it must go to the forge, & the hammer must pound two next. Rev.

John. G. Brady was the first gentleman sent out by the board to Alaska - he came here in the spring of '78. Some time after Miss Kellogg joined him as the mission teacher. She had been here but six months when she went to Fort Wrangell as the wife of Rev. Young. Soon after Mr Brady resigned the charge of the mission. Mr Austin - a friend of Mr Brady's in N. Y. came here for his health - & after the breaking up of the mission he opened a school for the Russian children - which he carried on until after the arrival of his family about a year ago, when it was transferred to the hands of his second daughter - the elder daughter having brought with her a commission as teacher to the Indians.

Rev. Mr Lyons & wife were then sent as the missionaries to this station - they stayed but a year when on account of ill health they were obliged to go back to

California - in April last - & Mr Austin received a teachers commission also - he & his daughter being the force here at present: During our stay Mr. Willard has preached in the Custom House to the whites on the sabbath - and they have a Thursday evening prayer meeting. Mr Austin seems to be abundantly qualified for the work here, having had many years experience in mission work in New York City. He has a power, really remarkable in adapting himself his tho'ts & words - to the condition of the Indians - a thing the difficulty of which one must try before they appreciate fully. He & his daughter have inaugurated a work here which has already done much good & which promises so much more that I hope to see them carry it on - and this

leads me to the Boy's Home of Sitka which is only started & numbers 28 boys with others pleading to be taken in, but until the support of some is guaranteed by friends in the favored "East", I am afraid to incur more risk of debt; so the poor little fellows are sent back into the hands of sin & shame which they have learned to hate.

It was in this way that the Home originated; some of the boys attending the day-school begged to be allowed to stay in the building over night, saying that they were obliged to see & hear such wicked things in the Indian house, and that the people drank so much ____ & caroused all night so that they could neither sleep nor study & over slept themselves in the morning making them late to school. They were at length taken in — others plead for the same privilege — so the Home

was begun. But you must hear of the work of Capt. Glass, of the U.S. Vessel "Jamestown" which has been stationed here for two or three years. Capt. G. succeeded Capt. Beardsley last summer. It is rarely that the Government sends out missionaries. But they have sent some here in this young Commander & his Lieutenant Mr Symonds. The first move was to abolish hoochinoo, he made it a crime to sell, buy, or drink it or any other intoxicating liquor. He prevailed upon the traders to agree to sell no Molasses to Indians in quantities so that they could not make their drink. He issued orders in regard to the cleaning up of the ranche (the Indian quarters) which was filthy in the extreme and had been the scene of sightly horrors of almost every description - the yells,

seeming, as some have said, to come from the lower regions, murder being of common accorance & the town filled with cripples.

We appointed a police force from the Indians themselves, dressed them in navy cloth with "Jamestown" in large gilt-letters on their caps, & a silver star on their breasts. We made education compulsory in this way: The houses of the ranches were all numbered - & in each house the boys & girls - each child received a tin plate on which was stamped his No. thus: (F. 17) meaning, house No 17 - boy No. 6 (B. 6) or girl No. 5 as the case might be. These plates were to be worn about the neck by a string. As the children came into school they were registered, whosoever failed to send their children were fined a blanket -

as soon as they discovered that the Capt was in earnest - they came to time, & I believe no blanket has been forfeited since the first week. Now, if any are going off, even on a ___ tour, the head of the house comes to explain, & says how long they will be away. But this means the school attendance has been doubled - the highest no. of scholars present at one time being 271. This is the Mission day school. The Indians not being able to spend their money for hoochinoo, spend it for food & clothing. The ranche has been divided & white washed - some nice new houses are being built &

all is peaceful & quiet - where a few months ago it was truly as a missionary has expressed it "like hell let loose". But the work did not stop here, the whole town has been renovated - bad Indians sent to the Guard house were put to work - streets were cleaned - trees planted - a sea wall built - the common made tidy - &c &c. The boys who were studying at the school had boarded themselves, but a room had been fixed up a little for them - they had provided themselves with a tin box lid for a looking glass. This was in the old barracks building, where Mr. Austins are now living.

Capt G. had the school removed to another Government building quite large, & in a beautiful location down the beach, with a fine

large garden - from which it is expected they will have quite a considerable income, over & above supporting the Home with vegetables. An effort is being made to secure it "out & out" to the Mission with an appropriation from the Government. They have been promised the free use of it - as long as they will occupy it. The Capt' had the building painted & white washed, & fixed up generally - had the ship's Carpenter make the bunks for the boys - & tables, benches &c. In fact - he has turned the crew into a Mission force - he & his young wife at the head working with their own hands, & encouraging in every way the devoted teachers. So now, the staying over night - of a few boys in the old school house, developed into a Boy's Board

-ing & Industrial School. They do their own work, even sewing now, under the ship's tailor, on a second suit - for themselves of blue cotton drill. They and the outside Indians attend school together in the morning & on Sabbath, service is held in the school room there.

I could not keep back the tears of joy when I attended this meeting - to hear those children who, but a few months ago were in savage darkness, now sitting with bright, eager faces listening to the tidings which have gladdened so many hearts - & in their turn repeating, as with one voice, the ten commandments & the beautiful assurances of God's love - such as "God so loved the world". then with sweetly solemn voices, their hands clasped & heads bowed reverently, they prayed together in the Lord's own words. Never before had I heard that prayer repeated so beautifully. And

still there is so much to be done, only a beginning has been made.

The great-house is, after all, still very barren & cold-damp, and the boys do not have bed-clothing to keep them warm; they, so far, have provided their own blankets - but they are insufficient, & one poor little fellow has none.

The weather never gets warm here, while you are suffering with heat we have fires going & wear quite as much flannel as in winter at-home - and altho' the thermometer rarely reaches zero in winter here at Sitka, I think the cold is felt as much as at home, for the moisture in the atmosphere makes it so chill & penetrating. So that, at least before winter comes, these boys ought to have cotton comfortables; they should be for single beds, & could be sent

by mail. Anything not worth postage, is not worth sending to Alaska for freight rates are frightful. The school room is very nice indeed. Miss Austin & I colored some Bible scenes for the walls - the walls & ceiling were painted white with blue cornice. Mrs. Brardsley gave some pretty blue calico which we made into curtains for that room, & between each pair of windows is a colored picture framed, & the windows will be finished with plants. They have an Organ too, & it is really a beautiful room when the two or three Indians are gathered in, with their radiant faces & picturesque costumes - Four or five months ago, I am told, there were but a few Indians who had any clothing but their old blankets, last Sabbath in a congregation of nearly 400. there were but five blanketed men - the others all have "Boston clothes" (as the

first - American they knew were from Mass. they call everything American - Boston) Most - of the women are neatly clothed in Calico dresses which they make themselves & keep very clean. their blankets - which are the almost - universal outside garment - now, are as white as snow - those which are not - dyed. some of the latter are very handsome. I have seen several of a beautiful heavy blue with a stripe in Applique of Crimson passing about - the neck & down the front - finished on either side with a close scale row of pearl buttons - an orange colored silk handkerchief tied over the head, and a pair of light - colored moccasins on the feet - completed this out - fit.

They all wear jewelry & prefer silver to gold. some of the richer squaws wear as many as a dozen

pair of bracelets at once - these are generally made of coin beaten out - & engraved elegantly, they sell from $1,50 to $5.00 - according to weight - & width. They also do beautiful work in carving in wood, such as for salad spoon & fork & in horn - another industry is their weaving from the inner bark of trees with grasses they weave in artistic designs table mats, baskets, hats &c which are not only very pretty, but very durable. We wish very much to encourage every industry among our people. We feel that to make them a good people. We must make them an industrious people - & develope their every talent. The children are said to excel all other tribes on the coast in this work. I intend to design some for them after a while & offer rewards for new designs which they may

produce - and I would like to have an outlet - for their productions. There is an almost endless variety. I have said nothing of the language the Thin Kit - it - is very difficult - but - the Sitka, Stickeen, and Chilcat, - tribes speak the same.

I have already begun the study with Kotzi in common words, & have a dozen or so of words - but - oh, it - is so hard & - be tongue tied when the heart - is full.

And now. I must - close this very imperfect, & incomplete

letter, Our seed-corn be from a field which hitherto has been unaccursed by any Mission. We hope for from special prayer - and would be rejoiced to receive letters from you. We will be the only white persons in the station entirely cut-off from steamer communications, so will probably have mail but-four times a year. Our hearts are full of joy that the Master has called us to such a work. All things else were but-loss - May God bless you & us to each other

and in the world, for the hastening of his Kingdom, & the glory of his Name. Address.

Mrs. Eugene S. Willard.
Sitka Mission
Alaska.

Alamosa
July 2nd
81

Dear Doctor,

Your postal was rec'd several days ago, but was not ans. because I had not met Darley. We reached here on the 20th of June. Heard that D. was at Conejos & telegraphed to meet him, but he had just left. Heard that he would be here on Mon. to meet me; so at urgent request of session I left our appointment for Sab. Meantime I went to visit some relatives near here. On Sab. found that Crouster M.E. Presiding-Elder had sent an appointment for Sab. night

Would rather have it if the Bd. should allow me to stay. I would be delighted if they would give it to Mary Lindsey
Yours
J. D. Wilson

I preached in the A.M., & he in evening. He came expecting to find no one here & to put a man in the field immediately. When he found me here he said nothing about it, & left the next morning, so I saved the organization for the Presbyth. as both Bailey & two of the elders told me.

I went down to Conejos on Tues & saw Miss Conaway. Had a talk with Parley Wed. A.M. Heard previously thro several different ones that he was talking very pointedly about holding the field &c; in fact he sent word to me that I was not legally appointed, that if I persisted in the new field he would be ruined financially because he

was to receive $1500 for the whole field, & would rec. only $1000, for part of it; that I had far better take this Alamosa Ch, & &c &c. When he met he occupied over an hour with these points, & others, one — that I would seriously injure the work just now by not being able to speak the language, & another, that if he was put off the field, the men would leave & form a Ch of their own — that he would show to Presby, clearly, this fall, that with his present helpers, he could fully man the whole field for the next ten years. I listened attentively, with scarcely a word. At length I concluded it was my time to speak & talk. I began

telling what I wrote you at the Assembly, & your remark that it was my duty to take possession of the field till Fall &c. — I spoke firm lo all the time till I reached the proper place as I thot — then I made this proposition to him in nearly these words — that in consequence of the circumstances he himself & B'd, that I would take charge of the entire school work sign teachers reports & also work among the Negros as I was able, & thus get acquainted with them — meanwhile I would supply this Alamosa Ch. till the Fall Presby: — & that he, as he might be able to leave his work on the other side of the Range, should come here from time to time &

& a third line will soon be here, connecting this & Leadville direct. I never saw people so anxious for preaching. Good congregations. They want me to settle here, but I tell them I cannot, as I am commissioned for other work. I think however, that to save the position to the Ch. that the Bd would not object to my tarrying a little longer to learn Mexican language. We are nicely fixed, & are determined to stay in this climate, unless sickness interfere. At present both are well & happy. Come & see us. Write me as to whether it would be at all right for me to stay with this Ch. — they are so anxious. I will not try to stay, unless so directed by the Bd. I believe that the community

preach, & manage the preaching elders till Presbytery. Without a word, he backed down from his position & accepted my proposition. I have a good witness to the whole conversation Hugh Gilchrist, an elder of this Ch. I may be mistaken, but I think I did the verybest thing for the Mexns & for myself that I could. I have the privilege of doing all that I will be able to, while he has nothing but to look after the preaching. Miss Conaway advises me to stay here & hold this Ch. on account of the importance of this field. This town is bound to grow. The R.R. shops & offices for this division are here & two branches leave the main line from here

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Stockton Cal July 7th 1881

Dr Jackson

Dear Brother

I see by the papers that you have gone to Alaska. Now Dr I come abegging for a visit from you, on your return to this Coast. The young ladies of our church have organized themselves in a Home Missionary Soc. your coming will do them a great deal of good. and I must acknowledge a little bit of selfishness behind it all. we all want to see you once more. from the Parson down to little Helen. we look back with so

much pleasure to your visit with us in Logansport. that we feel we must see you once more in this far away land

We have been here 9 months the Lord has been very good to us. He has blest Mr Schofields work so far. Cal is a hard feild to work in.

Hoping to heer from you, and that you will be with us

I remain your sister in Christ Mrs. L. A. Schofield

P.S. Mr S — and the children wished to be remembered in this letter C S ——

E. Bloomfield N.Y.
7.12.81

Dear Bro. Paterson.

Yours from Port-
land of the 27th inst. is
before me - & it was full
of strong & decided opinions
News from Wrangell & Sitka
per Alaska ..... arrived a-
bout the same time -
But you will have heard
before this -

I hope you got my dis-
patch at Port Townsend.
I think you will find
the Chilcat Building &
service to ... & I hope
you will learn from
Young whether he will def-
initely conclude a bar-
gain with Schultz before
conferring with me. But
in almost any event we

had better take the Building.
Mrs. McFarland writes that
she understands that
the Oregon Presbytery has
sent a letter to Miss Austin
relieving her of duty
at Sitka - I should doubt
it very much -
Capt. Glass has sent a
very kind letter to us
about the School work
in Sitka - I want you to
sift all the matter at
Sitka & remember that
there is great rivalry be-
tween Mr. & Mrs. H.
It may be that Good
Mrs. McFarland & Mr. Gam-
mon have begun the work
of such local prejudices
which has been apprehend-
ed. I presume he is at
work in Cob. Phillips to him
last heard from was stop-
ping at Presidio with Thomp-

son - Phil Gat ... ith
who was it, who has just
gone to Penn - has come
out sick - was dying of
a consumptive nature when
he went in - What are
physicians Certificates
for -

You will be glad to
learn that Dr. Robertson
has been elected to fill
Dr. Dickson's place. &
he has accepted, has entered
upon his duties -

Dr. Paxton seems de-
lighted - His election was
unanimous & enthusi-
astic -

Prof. Cogner has gone home
McMillan is still picking
out sifting teachers.
of American Hist announ-
ces himself as engaged to
Miss - the good teacher then

what is his name.
Condit. Richards & one or two others take wives back with them to their distant fields. J. B. Thompson has scared up six or eight Canadian ministers for the far North-West.

My wife despairs of any more Indian Commissions since Judge Green has authorized you to draw upon him for $500 for the same. I expect now you will go for the Grizzly Bear or the Old Stickeen Moses! Write when you can.

Yours truly
H. Kimball

P.S. We undoubtedly want a good man to superintend all a little — a good preacher & his wife. But you will learn all about that while there. Where shall we get to go in Darkness & peace.

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23 Centre Street, New York, July 12th 1881

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. — Gen'l Agent &c

Dear Bro. & Brother,

The few words of your last
received, I am glad to be able
to send you with a sum of
sometime — from a donation
of $1000 — for the Children of Hil-
-ton Grove (Rev. Allen Jennings, Pres.
Rev. H. G. O. Cary — of Zanesville Ohio —
Please take time to write to Mr. Cary —
as the correspondence has been quite
on — One morning about
a week ago, one of the women
Friends, was led into a prayer
and $1.000 was put to my mind
before God, for Christ's work! and
I promised you I would do what
God would give me this year and —

large [illegible] — or [illegible] He would
[illegible] in this work [illegible] num-
-ber of [illegible] — That morning
[illegible] brought a letter from Mrs. [illegible] —
saying in postscript that an aunt of [illegible]
had given [illegible] for [illegible] —
and where [illegible] it was needed —
[illegible] in regard to
[illegible] on hand — & she
[illegible] — the
money [illegible] doubt received by
Mrs. Boyd — I must see what the
arrangements are about your having
[illegible] —

[illegible] — & returned home
[illegible] a [illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] table — [illegible]
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] —
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible] work —
[illegible] — [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible] work.

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She says nothing of being partic- [illegible] to have gone [illegible] [illegible] instead of starting [illegible] [illegible] facts before long.

[illegible]

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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] it
kept [illegible] "for an indefinite
period" — I [illegible] it was only
for the [illegible] of the [illegible] — to
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] — [illegible]
a short time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
about all this — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible], New Mexico, [illegible] [illegible]
you might be [illegible] — [illegible]
to trouble you — [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
go to [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible]
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to [illegible] [illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible]
to [illegible] [illegible] to have a [illegible] —
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at me —

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[illegible] [illegible] — I [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] — [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] F. E. H. Haines Jr —

O. K

It is proposed that as many of our new teachers as possible should meet at Omaha Nebraska on Saturday Sept. 11th. One of our Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Geo. L. Little lives there, and will arrange for your stay over Sunday the 12th Sept. Please write to her two or three weeks before-hand, saying when she may expect you - by what train exactly - Write to me also, as soon as you can about it -

Dr. Sheldon Jackson will probably see you from Omaha to Salt Lake City - We think you are to go to

but some changes will probably be made after your arrival in Utah -

Would you like an advance of part of the first quarter's salary? Your travel-ing expenses to the field, will be paid by our Exc. Comtee - Half-fare tickets are already secured beyond Omaha - Try to get a reduction this end of the journey - Let me know if you succeed -

The List for Out-fit is just for a guide - and need not limit you -

Mesilla New Mexico -

Dear Bro: Your letter from Wash Territory received. Bro Fulton at Socorro - wrote me to come to him - I spent - last Sab - with the people - and expect to remain over next Sab (am now at Socorro this week) I guess to take Supt of Silver Mines in old Mexico - He has been there for the past few weeks - his family are now here - but how long they will stay can not say - it may be I will stay here for a few years - will write you my decision as soon as Fulton returns from Mexico - I hope Bro Phillips will take Mesilla

Your Bro J J Thompson

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

23 Centre Street, New York, July 14 1881

My dear Jackson:

I am at the desk in full possession of Bro. Dickson's powers & prerogatives. I sometimes fear that I have made a mistake in leaving such a church. Then, the encouraging words of dear brethren like you the Church keep up my courage. My faith will grow and much to do with the acceptance.

I trust you received my telegram at Fort Fortress. Judge Green has cheerfully authorized the purchasing of Indian commodities up to $500 in court.

Daily has been here & returned & disappointed with Board & Home Mission generally. He is nervous to excitable, but a good fellow.

Yours fraternally

Wm. E. Roberts

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

23 Centre Street, New York, July 15 1881

My dear Jackson:

I have just sent you a letter addressed to Sitka. By your letter just received, I find that your address is Fort Wrangel. I am glad to learn that you received my telegram urging you to draw on Judge Green. He was pleased with it. I am very sorry I did not take you down to Franklin to see him. He is sick at present.

You may depend on my doing all I can to put you in the right place. You deserve well of the Board, & I think it will be gratifying to account you all that is right.

I have accepted the secretaryship, but have some grave misgivings. Still, having once put my hand to the plough, I never look back. So ahead, — to use Sanford's "Go forward" is my motto.

O.K. O.K.

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Dear, has been here, & saw Salaspie, can't, & Board meet the receipts, & can't should generally. He is disposed to go to Southern Montana, but was not sure of it when he left.

Dr. Kendall has been away for a couple of weeks on his practice, & expected to go on the 28 inst. & can be more readily seen, & see, & will head down.

I do not know yet what will be my route, or what I should do. Let me know your plans as soon as you return.

Hoping this, your family & self well & remain as ever

Yours fraternally

W. C. Robert

Durango Colo.
Dec. 15th 1881

Rev S. Jackson, D.D.;
Dear Bro.

I presume you will be anxious to hear how I am getting along at Durango. The work is going along here splendid, we are putting up a very nice Church, Durango is booming. I have written a letter for the "Rocky Mountain Pres" I inclose the same to you. I intended to speak of your work in Colo. Because Dr Jackson is a household word among us. I read your book with pleasure &c

It is a powerful exhibition of the truth. Trusting that this letter that I have written hastily will meet with your approval.

Your true friend
Jas. M. Harland.

D. R.

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Lockport, N.Y. July 15 1881.

Rev. S. Jackson.

Dear Sir:

Your letter advising me that you had purchased Deed with of the strength of having $5000. subscribed in addition to theirs, greatly encouraged me. I intended to be understood that I would beg forbearance that the whole $2,000. was provided for, & I still hold to this condition. I do not think it wise or safe to render liability for so large an amount. It might result in the loss of the Deed with & of all hinged upon it.

I want to hear further about it, & am

Yours Truly J. J. Slagler

Tucson Arizona

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Sir, D.D.

I have noticed that "the industrial school for boys has been established in Silver City", and have presumed it is the result of your labors.

At such a time as this country has great need for the study of it and its people strengthens. Can you not, with your great influence find a crevice I might fill?

I should be in N.Y.
the latter part of August.
Please remember me
to Mrs. Tucker and
your daughters.

Yours truly,

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Chicago, Ills. Jan.
Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D. 23-1-81.

Sir -

Please find in check 30 cts in stamps and send me Presbyterian Home Missionary until it amounts to that. Send the August No. to this place and after that send to Mountain City, Elko Co Nevada.

I am on my way to the charge of the Mission Boarding School among the Western Shoshones, but am detained here until things are in readiness for our reception.

If you wish I may

be able to send you a short letter occasionally in regard to our work.

Yours &c

Jas. H. Wilson

Pima Agency, Arizona.
July, twenty-seventh. 1881.-

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Galesburg, Ills.

My dear Sir:-

I regret very much not having seen you in Washington - the Commissioner, or Mikelcock, informed me that you were a day or two in advance of me in calling on the Commr.

We are back at last. The new Agent appears a good man and the prospects for a large and interesting school during the coming session is encouraging.-

I was received into the Church this Summer, and I sincerely hope that with the grace and help of God to do some good for the people with whom our lot is cast. I shall make the earnest effort and by the help of God will I hope succeed.

J. Spencer

Chilcat July 27 81

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Bro.

Since coming to this place we (myself and Wife) are assured that the information which we had received concerning this field, while at Sitka is true i.e. that the centre for our mission work must be at the upper village at least for the present.

Dr I have heard it said by certain parties, also I have heard you remark that you had been informed that we felt hurt at your recommending us to

come by way of Port Townsend
I think we know our own
feelings a little better than
others know them. What
information you may
have received by word or
letter from others was
purely subjective to the
mind of the informant
While in Ills. I received
a letter from Mr Young
advising me to come by way
of Portland. But while in
San Fran I told Mrs. W.
that I was glad we had
met you on the cars and
received your advice (Which

agreed with the Order
sent me by Dr Kendall)
for Mrs W. could not
have stood a trip as
hashed up as that via P
would have been. Moreover
Mrs Willard and Baby
were enabled to get a good
rest at Port Townsend
which we could not have
had in Portland.

I assure you Dr that
we are not aggrieved but
are, on the contrary thankful
for your advice.

The more I think
of it the more am I
convinced that we would
have lost much had we

Gone to Portland!

Your Brother in Christ

O. R.

Eugene S. Willard & Wife

Dear friend & brother, I can not refrain from adding with my own hand some word of appreciation - altho words are so feeble when I attempt it. You, in God's hand, have done everything for us. In the first place you gained for us, we believe, our hearts to design the appointment to preach glad tidings to the Children. You advised & encouraged us by the way & helped us to escape Portland, for which we are daily more grateful. We left home with the expectation of living in a tent until we could by our own labors put up a log house. This expression your loving, real & wise energy has prevented - by taking upon your own shoulders a burden which I think will soon be removed by an interested people at home. The financial burden I mean - for you have borne so much more than that in the planning & building which has given us such a comfortable home in this far away land. You coming with us to & introducing us to the big chiefs whom you really fainted, confused & terrified. Yes - yes & so - has I very dim, been more & more dangerous to the stepping of our

The Board of Home Missions

OF

The Presbyterian Church in the United States of America,

23 Centre Street, New York, 8, 1, 1881

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother:

It is proposed to have a conference of Secretaries and Superintendents of Home Missions, at Chicago, September 29th. and 30th. 1881, consisting of the Secretaries of the Board, and Rev. T. Hill D. D., G. L. Little, A. K. Baird, D. C. Lyon, J. W. Sanderson, T. D. Marsh, H. Little D. D., Sheldon Jackson D.D., S. C. Armstrong D. D., E. R. Davis, H. S. Little, J. G. Reid and J. W. Allen D. D.

It seems highly desirable that you all should make acquaintance with the new Secretary, Dr. Roberts, and he with you, that you should confer with each other and with us as to the exigencies of the present time and devise means to meet the present demands of our work.

For this purpose we request you to prepare a paper setting forth the character and wants of your field - say, 1. As to New fields - 2. As to the number of men <u>imperatively</u> needed. 3. As to old decaying churches, and the matter of grouping. 4. Facts as to Immigration and Railroads this year. 5. As to the work, advances and encroachments of other denominations. 6. As to our church growth. 7. As to any other facts, suggestions

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or questions concerning our work. We want such a paper from you, written with care and left in our hands, for reference and perhaps for publication. Besides the reading of these papers we want to discuss them, compare views, and pray with and for each other, and for all our Missionaries and all our work.

Come to the meeting prepared to stay over Sunday if your services are needed in or near Chicago. Immediately after this conference it is proposed to go to the Synods. We, the Secretaries, will pass on beyond the Mississippi and you will return to your homes and fields of labor, unless we can assign you to meet some of the Synods in other parts of the Church.

Please notify us if you can attend on these duties and also notify Rev. E. R. Davis, 464 W. Adams St. Chicago, Ill., who is expected to make arrangement for our entertainment.

N. B. Do not give any publicity to this matter. We do not wish the Press to know anything of it. It is a <u>private</u> conference and prayer meeting to prepare ourselves for the future work. Necessary expenses of the trip will be borne by the Board.

I don't much expect you will be home by that time - But if you can we want to see you -

Yours truly
H. Kendall

Seattle W.T. Aug 2. 1881

Rev S. Jackson D.D

Dear Brother

I was very sorry that I did not meet you when you were over. We passed each other on the road where the train met at Cowlitz as I learned about half an hour afterward.

I have just returned from a missionary tour through Eastern Washington, and to day leave for Presbytery at Olympia.

I herewith enclose to you at your request the receipted bill for sash & doors which I found at home on my arrival

There is a balance remaining in my hands of $2.40 which

I will hand to you if you return this way, or otherwise will forward to you when you reach home.

Mr Beatty made no charge for inspection

Yours fraternally
Geo. F. Whitworth

W. P. Ladd.
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Office of Ladd & Tillton, Bankers.

Portland, Or. Aug 2 1881

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Sitka Alaska

My Dear Brother

Your two favors 21st ult Pat Townsend enclosing your check on Hon Caleb S. Green for 500— and your 11th ult Sitka duly received for credit your $500— and will comply with your request to pay Krupp B & Co amt of bill named by you say 900$ when properly vouched for with shipping receipts From your last letter note that you have arrived to the place for your work I hope & pray that you may be prospered and live to see of the good that may come from your good undertaking On the 29th ult we became Grand Parents a fine 9th boy to Mr & Mrs Corbett. This morning our son returned home from his trip East all quite well May God Christ bless you richly & crown your efforts for good in your great undertaking with those poor people Your brother in Christ

H. L. Ladd

Fort Wrangel Alaska
Aug 3rd
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Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother

Several days ago I made out a list of names which I will enclose to you. We are very anxious to hear from Sitka & farther up the coast particularly as to the location of the Chilkat mission. We fear if you have located at the Nehur town that it will make trouble in more ways than one. I expect to have a good talk with you going down. If it had not been for seeing you I would have-

gone down on this steamer. I need not write much particularly as the youngs are going up & will tell you all the news. (which is a very scarce article in this Country.)

Sincerely Yours
A. R. McFarland.

P.S. We think there is a strong effort on foot to to have another school started here in the fall, or at least to work in another Teacher. You may imagine who it would be. But we donot want any more young girls sent to Alaska just now. Particularly any of the kind they like. If we have a Compulsory school law as Capt Null says he is going to make we will need another Teacher, but I want you to remember what I told you about a Teacher. I donot know but Mr Young has already written to the Board. I wrote to Prof Jones in time A. R. McF.

P. SCHULZE,
President,
Portland, Oregon.

CARL SPUHN,
J. M. VANDERBILT, } *Joint Managers*,
Sitka, Alaska.

OFFICE OF THE

NORTH-WEST TRADING COMPANY.

PORTLAND, OREGON, August 3rd 1881

Rev

Reverend Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Alaska

My dear Sir;

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 12th ult. advising me that you have ordered the saw-mill for Cordova Bay.

I have arranged with the steamship company to have the steamer call at Cordova Bay on her September trip, but it is not likely that she will call on her way up.

You may rest assured that I will have a complete set of the photographic views, taken recently, ready for you on your return from Alaska.

Hoping that you have found everything satisfactory I remain,

dear Sir,

faithfully yours

Peter Schulze

President.

Mesilla New Mexico August 4.84

Dear Bro.

Let me know when you return from Alaska - I think I will leave Mesilla and am not yet decided what point I will locate at -- I would prefer to stay in Territory but think I may go to Col. Fulton I think will remain at Tacoma at least promised me he would let me go

Yours truly Thos. Thompson

OFFICE OF

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CHAS. F. HAWKES, PROPRIETOR.

Head-Quarters for all Montanians. Feed Stable in Connection. Hotel Situated Directly in Front of the Depot.

Dillon, Montana, Aug 5 1881.

Rev Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Deos Bro

You will see by this letter that I am in Montana, hard up as usual= If you can spare the $20.00 I loaned to you in San Francisco:- please send it to Mrs Darley at Neb City: P.O. Box 227. - I will send you pistol to you by mail: or you can deduct the price of it from the $20.00 Wishing you prosperity.

I remain yours in Christ
Geo M. Darley.

Oct 15th Sent a £ Note
Ballance pistol Received

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Mesilla. Dona. Ana. Co N M
August 6th 1881.

Rev S. Jackson DD
Fort Wrangle Alaska

My Dear Bro

I have often thought and prayed to the Lord to direct me to see if it is his will for me to go to Alaska. I want a field where I may make use of my medical knowledge for the work of the Master as well as my ministerial. I sometimes think I will return east and select a field where I could make a living by practice of medicine and then preach once every sabbath. When I think of that then comes the first question what will be done in this great west where the Gospel is so much needed. If I could only secure a place where my children could be educated I would not hesitate a moment hesitate to take Alaska. It may be the Lord will yet open the way. for I can assure you I have no will of my own. I think I can truly say the Lord's work for his glory is my chief joy. Mot. seems to take possession of Alaska. How

I long to reach a people who have never been taught of Jesus. It seems that every nation and people ought to have the knowledge that the Redeemer died for them. As yet I have not succeeded in getting any one to take Mesilla and to stay. I went to Tombstone Arizona. I fear from what I hear of the place I would not be satisfied with it besides its not the field. I expected it was. You will be glad to hear that Rev Fulton promised me to stay at Socorro. I spent two sabbaths at S. and had a very good time we have a number of good people at that place. Should he leave I think I would prefer the place as they have no chiles there they are anxious for me to go to Las Animas Col. It may be I will go there. I certainly will leave here if the chiles returns as they did last year. For you have not the least idea how much I suffered with Malarial fever. I wish I could see you before I leave for I want to settle now to remain for life

and I want if it's the Lords will to remain in the Missionary work in that place where I can do most for the Glory of God. I suppose there is not in all this country a people that needs the Gospel more than the Indians. and the white people educated up to their duty towards them If there is a field open that I could fill. I would gladly take that field. If a man advocates the Indians right he is looked upon as an enemy of the whites and its not safe - even here - to do your duty towards your fellow men. whom we are taught - to love as ourselves. I am trying to get a few pows over the R.R. if so I will visit every town and station within two hundred miles of this place - I want at least - to have in the great day of account when our work comes up for review they will find we have done our duty towards this people - The Indians are now giving us much trouble and its not safe to travel - but I do not fear them. If they could only see our hearts and could read them. I am sure - they would find a few who study for peace and prosperity among them

Both the "34" papers at Las Cruces has suspended
no great loss to our work.

My family are well —

Yours Truly

J. Thompson

San Xavier, Pima Cont., Tucson, P.O.,
Arizona Territory – Aug. 8th 1881.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.
Galesburg, Knox County
Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am indebted to you for a second package of Papers. First, that I took the liberty, previously to address to you, in acknowledgement of having rec'd photographs of Papago Children at Hampton, as also package of highly esteemed Papers, and wherein I took the liberty to express sincerely the Gratitude of this village; has I hope come into your hands.

We have so far neither seen nor heard of any evidence that the authorities of Indian affairs ever will have this to a satisfactory and decided Conclusion. The Agent Mr. P. Jordan made his arrangements, when he was here with us (unfortunately in the last hour as it were of the last administration). That in addition to the Carnage and of the spirited Wolves of profiting a Step to the eternal plunder of the timbers of the Wood belonging to the Indians, even carried on by high and low of Tucson, and delivering their lands into their hands free of Mexican occupation – which to them has opened up highly detrimental and demoralizing. They must also have in operation right Schools and good measures for their betterment and improvement.

but we never saw or heard from him since. It is stated that a Mr. P. G. Wooley was appointed in the beginning of May last as Agent to Maricopa and Pima Indians. I am not positively informed whether he has arrived, or been heard from in aforementioned villages, nor do we know if he, as his predecessors, will be required to give his attention to Papago affairs.

All this operates very depressingly on the Indians in general. I think that I in my last letter, among other enormities, mentioned the most flagrant lately perpetrated under cover of authority from the Govt. The Indians were not only to see the Mexicans living within a town, (at first with their leave and permission under specious pretexts of being allowed to leave at any time when the Indians should desire their presence, otherwise when the Apaches should have been reduced, when they would have houses, fences and improvements for the benefit of the Indians;) to make seemingly legalized possessions to the Officials of U.S. Land Office in Tucson, A.T. through the Wm. Schendorf, Marshal of Arizona appearing under above authority, being personally interested and having their Petition some two hundred and thirty yards further south, leaving the Mexicans or Pima (only) in possession; lands that had been cleared, cultivated, fenced and cultivated by the Papagoes and Ancestors from time immemorial and some of these fields were, taking also their dwellings —

These poor Indians have now set to open new lands, make acequias, irrigating ditches &c which is slow and laborious work. They have the Mesquite trees to contend with, fences to make, levelling for irrigation — Slow work and will cost years to come. Meanwhile making such planting as varies only, where places permit, others formerly have made their [illegible] first, and then [illegible], [illegible] &c. &c.

The Bishop continues the exhibition of the Church at Sta Fe preparing and has publication, printed in San Francisco, Cal. purporting to give all the information extant about the Church, with a view also, he says, of getting money for completion of so called St. Mary's Hospital near Mesa, at the same time serving him and his to give such account of affairs past and present as best suits their purpose, it is a very small pamphlet of some, what dubious veracity (at least in part.) with very little and unsatisfactory information, which under above specious title is offered with the tickets for an add'l. ional 50 cts per copy.

The hap hazard way in which the affairs of these (and adjoining) Indians has so far been conducted, since they came under the Government of the U. S. - "Imprudent or otherwise" is absolutely appalling as a settled plan for their destruction Moral and Physical, and shows the of the total insignificant Crimes of which the Indian Dept. stands morally arraigned before God and Man by the people and Indians of the U. S. who have suffered and still must suffer their baneful consequences.

The Indians mean for their part as in duty bound to do all in every lawful way to bring the Gov. to reason and justice in their cause among which the sending of a deputation to Washington, is contemplated either before or after Your Grace's return to that time have not found relief and assurance.

My Life request to be kindly remembered by Your and Your highly esteemed and amiable Lady

As also Your Obt and humble Servt.

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C. S. Inclosed an Extract relating to the Quapaws which may be deemed under the circumstances, not void of interest

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[illegible] Indian Agency, [illegible] Feb. 3d 1871.

[illegible] Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.

Written by Gen. Chas. Stewart Todd & Hon. S. Omwake (about the Indian Office, from the Secretary's "Historical Table" Polesgrab)

On account expressly in a Lecture to be given by Genl. Stewart Todd, the following truthful account of all the cures leading thereto, instances given & facts to a proper understanding, which may all each. To the period of the collecting of the aborigines on a Reservation near Santa Fe, where they remained for some five or eight months, comparatively quiet, under the management of two or three rather pitable specimens of the Genus Homo

"Pueblo reformed Indian Agents"

Each of whom, becoming soon convinced of their inability to control their savage wards, returned in fear and disgust; and in an evil hour for the peace and welfare of the quiet and quiet people of New Mexico, these Dual friends were placed under the charge of the notorious Major E. Whitlock a Lieutenant of the Third Cavalry U.S.A. He being a shrewd fellow, with an eye to the main chance, discovered that there was money in the business — Started with a salary of 1500 a year becoming rich in two or three years.

From January 1st 1871 to April 30th. The Pueblo Indians was with inebriety, after other attendant evils, frequent carousals and visited Pueblos were held at the Agency, from various speeches, [illegible] resolves, but nothing definite [illegible] old valiant and doughty Pueblo cry "Indo or die"; but in [illegible] for as he said, the value of all these [illegible] their [illegible] and [illegible] and [illegible] not, [illegible]

weary and sad, met an old and tried friend Jesus Maria Elias, who proposed that the two (Capt. Elias) should go to trusty Francisco Rodriguez (Chief of the Papagos) to send for a detachment of young and able Papagos, who always had been faithful allies of the Mexicans against the Apaches. They went, and resulted in rodeo. Notice to the Mexicans of the 28th of April of Papagos being at St. Xavier, would proceed thence to place of rendezvous on el Rito. (near Fort Lowell) All from Tucson departed one by one and in the afternoon were all together there, where Arms, Ammunition and provisions were distributed to the command numbering 148 in 92 Papagos 42 Mexicans and 6 Americans, which then departed from el Rito marching until about 20 Clock A.M. on the 29th of April, being thence down slope to the San Pedro River. An organization was effected by the unanimous election of the gallant little Mexican Jesus Maria Elias as Commander of the expedition. Near Apache camp on the Morning of the 30th of April the Indians bounded forward like deer, and without intermission night marched 2, Hours thirty Miles, and we never witnessed greater Display of energy in defence of life than was made by these hard marched foot Papagos. Elias for about two Miles before we struck the Rancheria, (Apache Camp) was quicker and more active than I, after it was struck, for in less than half an hour not a living Apache was to be seen. Save the Women taken prisoners and some. Papagos who seemed to be ahead of our Mexicans, so they could not be overtaken without breaking it.

The result was the death of about 144 One hundred and forty four of the most Bloodthirsty devils that ever disgraced Mother Earth.

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From a full perusal of Mr. Ames' Letter, of which the above is an extract, it is evident that the Papagos were fully aware that it was a service approved by Washington (the Govt.) and they without compensation did swell their part as above appears, and undoubtedly it was a service which was, if not approved by the Govt. as they thought, at least highly appreciated. The people of Sonora and who now when the Apaches do not appear have no further use for the Pueblo Indians, to revert their lands which they possessed and defended before a Spaniard put his foot on the American Continent.

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Caldwell Aug. 16th

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Sir, Please pardon the liberty I am taking, and if your time is too fully occupied please answer with a negative. But if you have time to see me, I should like to call and talk of the Missionary work in Alaska. I am very interested Mrs. McFarland and in Alaska since reading that article from your pen in the Chautauquan, and since hearing your earnest words in our pulpit, I am resolved to ask if I may call to see you, and when?

Please address Miss Anna M. Cook Caldwell, N. J.

Yours very truly

A. M. C.

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Bloomfield, N.J.
Aug. 17. 1881.

Dr. Jackson,

I mail with this my check for one hundred dollars, ($100.00) drawn to your order, and intended for the Alaska saw mill. I wish the sum might have been larger, but this is all I have been able to secure. Fifty dollars is given by the Sabbath School of our church, the First Presbyterian. I presume your knowledge of human nature, and your experience with young givers, make it unnecessary for me to ask for them the favor of a letter of acknowledgment, but I know

that such a letter would be encouraging to them for the future.

Of the remaining fifty dollars twenty five are in a sense given by my sister, Mrs. Frissell. She was very systematic in the use of her money, but during the last months of her illness was unable to attend to appropriations herself, and left in my care a small balance intended for christian work, trusting my judgment as to the application of it. From this fund I take the $25, and send it for this object with peculiar satisfaction, knowing my sister's deep interest in Alaska, and the pleasure she always took in forwarding the good work there.

By this time I trust the new saw mill is buzzing in

existence new hopes and new houses for the poor Indians, and that it may prove just the help toward a better life that they need.

The direction for Port Townsend was given under date of Jan. 9. 1881, and your note to me personally was undated, so that I feel uncertain about the address, and send to Denver, thinking that some one there will be kind enough to forward.

Sincerely yours,

M. Fanny Dodd.

Ans.

1391 Sixth Avenue
West - 126th St

New York August 23/61

Rev Dr Sheldon Jackson
Galesburg Ill.

My dear Sir

The Interior and Treasury Depts. have suspended my payments of transportation for the 3 Papago Children on account of my authority stating only six Children - I have asked for additional authority but none has been received yet - Did you have authority for the Papagos?

The Treasury department has also suspended all payment of transportation over the Southern Pacific R Road ($175.50) and want particulars of the $90 = paid to you for the transportation to Colorow -

how much by stage and points between —

The Treasury Dept declares the Southern Pacific RR a "subsidized" road, of which I had no previous information or notice, and not mentioned as such in the "Instructions to Agents"; always previously paying for transportation —

Were your payments on this road suspended?

Please write to me immediately regarding your authority for the Papagos and send copy of the same —

Give me all the information that you can regarding these points —

My regards to Mrs Jackson and yourself

Very truly
A B Ludlam

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Fort Wrangel Alaska Aug 23. 8

Dear Dr Jackson;

I send a line hoping it may reach you before leaving Cordova Bay. I enclose Willcrofts letter about the lumber. I shall send you another letter by way of Klowack.

The Convention was a success. It is very well that I attended. Our interests were respected & measures adopted to promote them. The election for delegate to Congress is to be held Sept. 5th at all points in the archipelago. Col Ball & Maj Berry the opposing candidates.

All well here. Indians

mostly absent yet.

Hope you will be back here soon. Dr. Clarkes ought to be home in time for the election as it is important to have as large a vote as possible, & Ball will help the mission interests while Berry will oppose. Come round the "Nantahala Notch" & visit Kusaie - the prettiest Indian town in the archipelago.

The young ladies left in high spirits.

Love to Dr. C. & Mr. C.

Yours as ever

L Hall Young.

Hastily.

P. SCHULZE,
President,
Portland, Oregon.

CARL SPUHN,
J. M. VANDERBILT, } *Joint Managers*,
Sitka, Alaska.

OFFICE OF THE

NORTH-WEST TRADING COMPANY,

written from dictation.

PORTLAND, OREGON, August 26th 1881

Confidential

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Rev. Sheldon Jackson D. D.

Fort Wrangle

My dear Doctor,

I had the pleasure of receiving your kind note of 13th inst., last night and thank you for your prompt action in taking the incomplete school building at Portage Bay off our hands. I much regret that circumstances are such as to prevent the "Favorite" to go down to Cordova Bay and that you are thus subjected to the hardships of a canoe trip.

I am anxiously awaiting your return as you will doubtless be able to give me a great deal of informations on the general state of affairs in the parts of Alaska that you have visited and more particular on matters pertaining to the interests of the company which I represent. To my great regret I have learned that Mr. Vanderbilt has busied himself and is somewhat mixed up with the Austin-

Benson gossip. If the reports that have reached me are true, Vanderbilt deserves a severe reprimand, and he will get it. He has no business to meddle or interfere with other peoples business or affairs and as a servant of the company he ought to be doubly careful not to do or say anything that might in anywise tend to injure the interest which to serve it is his duty first, last and all the time. I hope you will give me a full account of this, to me highly disagreeable, matter on your return so that I may shape my action accordingly.

The order for 2000 feet lumber has been filled and will be shipped according to your direction.

Believe me, my dear Doctor,

Very sincerely yours,

Dent Tenney

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Chilcat Mission
Haines Alaska
Aug 27. 1881

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Friend and Brother

I can not refrain from dropping you a note of thanks, although words are so feeble to express our appreciation of what you have done for us — in God's hands you have done every thing for us

In the first place you gained for us our hearts desire, the appointment — to preach glad tidings to the Chilcats You advised and encouraged us by the way. We left home with the expectation of living in a tent until we could by our own labor put up a log house. This exposure your loving zeal & wise energy has prevented, by taking upon your own shoulders a burden, which I trust will soon be removed by an interested people at home. The financial burden, I mean, for you have borne so much more than that in the planning and erecting the building which has given us such a comfortable home in this far away land

Your coming with us too, and introducing us to the very Chiefs, to whom you had first promised a teacher years ago, has I am sure been most advantageous to the begining of our work here — and your counsel and advice most helpful and comforting to us

That God may bless you more and more abundantly in your labors of love is the prayer with thanksgiving of your grateful sister in Christ

Carrie M. Willard